Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

Members present (alphabetical): Barrett, Buccini, Burke (for Delcourt), Christofi, Connally, Dabros, Dalton, Daubenspeck, Dolan, Ferguson, Goble, Huang, Ivanov, Lupinacci, Martin, Moser, Murray, Nolan, Nugent, O’Brien, Popiel, Ryan, Schlicht, Sheffield-Thergood, Tom, Wade-Rancourt

Guests present: Alexander, Atkinson, Betts, Carvalho, Cratty, D’Esposito, Gates, House, Loughran, O’Neill, Peck, Schaab, Schlesinger, Schmotter, Spiridon

President: Dan Barrett
Parliamentarian: Sam Lightwood

I. Minutes

A. October 15, 2014 - Approved with corrections

II. Announcements

A. Senate Presidents’ meeting with President Gray – Dr. Dan Barrett
   a. Minimal information/clarification was forthcoming from President Gray and his staff on Transform 2020
   b. Senate Presidents asked for a better process and more time
B. WCSU Representative to the BOR FAC – Dr. Patty O’Neill
   a. The FAC passed a harsh condemnation of Transform CSCU 2020
   b. The FAC is drafting an op-ed piece for the Courant outlining concerns with Transform CSCU 2020
   c. The FAC passed a resolution commending Mike Gargano for his work
   d. Candidates for associate vice-president of academic and student affairs will be interviewing this week
C. Discontinuation of the Center for Graphics Research – Dean Missy Alexander
   a. Few annual reports had been filed and it appeared the Center had very low activity
   b. Dean Alexander recommended Centers file annual reports regularly
D. Discontinuation of the Center for Financial Forensics and Information Security – Dean David Martin
   a. No activity for three years
   b. Dean Martin also recommended Centers file annual reports regularly
E. Strategic Planning Stakeholders Conference December 5th 10-2 p.m.; please attend
F. December Senate meeting will be December 10

III. Unfinished Business
A. Affirmative Consent – Dr. Jeff Schlicht
   a. Motion to accept amended language approved (O’Brien)
   b. Motion to postpone until the next meeting approved (Sheffield-Thergood)

IV. New Business

A. Academic Imperative – Dr. Patty O’Neill
   a. Motion to endorse approved unanimously (attached) (Buccini)

B. Transform 2020: Next Steps and Discussion of Selected Initiatives and Roadmaps – Dr. Dan Barrett & Dr. Patty O’Neill
   a. Academic Program Optimization
      i. Concerns:
         1. Will affect how resources are allocated
         2. “Align programs to workforce needs” implies academic programs will lose some measure of control over their curricula
         3. Not enough detail to clearly understand this initiative
         4. Faculty are not listed as stakeholders
   b. System-wide Policy Transparency
      i. Concerns
         1. Not clear what this is trying to achieve – standardization of what?
         2. How do we “resolve conflicts”?
         3. What policies are they talking about – Administrative? Educational?
         4. Faculty are not listed as stakeholders
   c. Cross-Campus Registration
      i. Concerns
         1. Described as dealing with community colleges only but Milestone 10 applies to all 17 schools – who will be affected?
         2. How will this impact advising?
         3. How will revenue sharing work?
         4. How will faculty load credit be calculated?
         5. What does “cross-campus admission” mean?
         6. Faculty are not listed as stakeholders
   d. Shared Metrics
      i. Concerns
         1. How can one set of metrics apply to all 17 schools?
         2. How will the system office determine what success means?
         3. What will the system office do with this information – will it be tied to funding?
         4. Faculty are not listed as stakeholders
   e. Blended Learning and Online Course Delivery
      i. Concerns
         1. Faculty should decide the future of content delivery, not the system office
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2. Will course content be dictated through standardized syllabi or textbooks?
3. Class size will be increased significantly (100+ students?)

Summary: Too many vague milestones and too many unanswered questions

f. Bring these 5 initiatives to departments so faculty can discuss
   i. Send substantive comments to Senate President Barrett

C. Other
   a. Senator Murray asked about a plan by Enrollment Services to allow certain students who had not yet registered for Spring 2015 to register without a PIN. Senator Murray asked that it be placed on the agenda of the next Senate meeting
      i. Associate Vice President Charles Spiridon: low enrollment numbers are driving the discussion about revising how PINs are used
      ii. Vice President Gates will send out draft of new policy to University community by Friday, November 21

V. Adjournment: 4:35 pm

Submitted,
Jeff Schlicht

SENATE RESOLUTION – November 19, 2014

RESOLUTION:

R-14-11-1. RESOLVED THAT THE WCSU UNIVERSITY SENATE ENDORSE THE DOCUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 TITLED “AN ACADEMIC IMPERATIVE FOR TRANSFORM CSCU 2020.”

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY